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For: IMAGE DATA RETRIEVAL APPARATUS  
AND METHOD CAPABLE OF  
FACILITATING RETRIEVAL OF DESIRED  
IMAGE DATA FROM IMAGE DATABASE

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Examiner: Hung Q. Pham

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In conjunction with the accompanying Request for Continued Examination (RCE), and in response to the Action dated July 28, 2005, please amend this application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2.

**Remarks** begin on page 9.